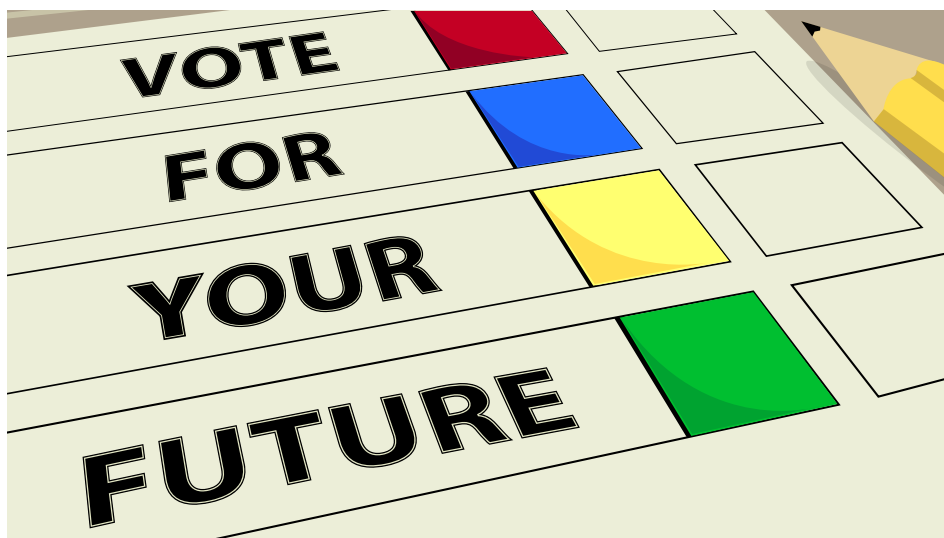




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by 4.5 cents based on current projections. This means if your property is valued at \$100,000, your annual property tax could increase by \$45, or \$3.75 a month.

In addition, operation and maintenance costs associated with all six propositions may affect your property tax rate in the future.

College Station residents will receive a 2008 Bond Brochure explaining the propositions and election process in the mail after October 10. We invite you to examine the issues and ask questions.

## 2008 BOND ELECTION

College Station is a very educated community that generally supports municipal government referendums when the information is complete, clear, and factual and allows an informed decision to be made.

However, as with most communities in our state and nation, most citizens do not take the time to vote.

It is very important to the future of the community, if elections are to be considered a true representation of what the majority of the community wants, that a broader range of voters become informed. They must feel that the election is important to their future quality of life and are motivated to vote.

On November 4, 2008, in conjunction with national elections, College Station will hold its 2008 Bond Election seeking citizens' support for six different capital improvement project propositions which include:

- 1. Streets and Transportation**  
\$48,785,000
- 2. Library Improvements**  
\$8,385,000
- 3. Fire Safety Improvements**  
\$6,990,000
- 4. Parks and Other Recreational Improvements**  
\$12,790,000
- 5. Constructing and Equipping a Community Center**  
\$7,050,000
- 6. Constructing and Equipping a New City Hall**  
\$26,300,000

The first five propositions, if approved, will not require an increase in the property tax rate based on current projections. The last proposition for a new City Hall, if approved, will likely increase the property tax rate

For additional information, you can also go to [www.cstx.gov/2008bond](http://www.cstx.gov/2008bond). Here you can view details on each of the proposed capital projects, listen to City Council discussions on the bond issue, and get voting locations.

### Proposition 6 – City Hall

The City Hall project was discussed as a separate item because of its cost and potential impact upon the property tax rate.

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For current information on the bond election, go to:

**[www.cstx.gov/2008bond](http://www.cstx.gov/2008bond)**



## 2008 BOND ELECTION VOTING DATES

### EARLY VOTING

October 20-24	(M-F)	8:00 am – 5:00 pm
October 25	(Saturday)	8:00 am – 8:00 pm
October 26	(Sunday)	8:00 am – 3:00 pm
October 27-31	(M-F)	8:00 am – 8:00 pm
October 28	Last day to get application for ballot by mail.	

### ELECTION DAY

November 4	(Tuesday)	7:00 am - 7:00 pm
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### EARLY VOTING SITES:

#### Brazos County Courthouse

300 E. 26th St, Ste 108 - Bryan, TX

#### Arena Hall

Tabor Road & N. Earl Rudder Fwy  
Bryan, TX

#### Galilee Baptist Church

804 N. Logan - Bryan, TX

#### Grace Bible Church-Southwood

1901 Harvey Mitchell Pkwy  
College Station, TX

#### Memorial Student Center

Texas A&M, College Station, TX

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### November 4

#### ELECTION DAY

Voting Hours: 7am-7pm

For voting locations, go to  
[www.cstx.gov/2008bond](http://www.cstx.gov/2008bond)

### November 6 & 20

College Station Planning &  
Zoning Meeting (7pm)  
@ City Hall

### November 5 & 24

City Council Workshop (3pm)  
& Regular Meeting (7pm)  
@ City Hall

**College Station City Hall**  
1101 Texas Avenue

Watch City Council and Zoning  
meetings live on Channel 19, or  
go to [www.cstx.gov/cstv19](http://www.cstx.gov/cstv19)

Below is a chart showing College Station's population growth over the years compared with the square footage of city hall space and estimated growth.

YEAR	POPULATION	CITY HALL
1969	17,676	9,025 ft <sup>2</sup>
1979	36,188	16,897 ft <sup>2</sup>
1985	44,864	36,993 ft <sup>2</sup>
2008	87,758	36,993 ft <sup>2</sup>
2014	100,000*	--- ft <sup>2</sup>

\* projected

As the City of College Station's primary public meeting location, the City Hall council chambers was built in 1979 to serve a population of approximately 36,188. At today's population of 87,758, the council chambers does not provide adequate space for most public meetings. The City is often required to find other larger facilities to serve the growing audiences.

The City will host a Town Hall Meeting on October 15 at the College Station Conference Center at 7pm for those who wish to ask questions of city officials before the voting begins. And Mayor White will also host a *Coffee with the Mayor* session on October 17 at 8am in the College Station Conference Center to answer questions.

We encourage you to take advantage of the Early Voting period so it does not

conflict with your normal schedule.

The early voting period begins on October 20 and runs through October 31 (see chart).

The County can mail applications for the voter to fill out and return back, or the voter can write a letter stating their name, local address, current address, and the reason for voting absentee with the voter's signature.

The voter can fax from out of county or mail in a completed application. They may NOT walk an application in the office if early voting has started. If mailing, send it to:

Brazos County Clerks Office  
Attn: Jaime Hines  
300 E. 26th St. Ste: 120  
Bryan, TX 77803  
979-361-4528 – Phone  
979-361-4125 – Fax

Voting is a privilege that many Americans take for granted. It is also one of the easiest and most effective ways to have your voice heard. In local government elections it has an even more immediate and tangible effect upon your daily quality of life and affects the vision you have for the community in which you live.

Please take the time to study the issues, ask questions, and VOTE EARLY or go to the polls on November 4.